

# THE SWORD OF THE LORD

## and of John R. Rice

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20.

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## Southwestern Bible Institute Needed

Year 'Round Training For Young Preachers And Christian Workers Similar to That Offered In Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Proposed

Last April in Oklahoma City in an eight day Bible School at Bible Baptist Church, it was proposed that the Southwest needs a regular Bible Institute patterned after Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and Los Angeles Bible Institute, Philadelphia School of the Bible, the John A. Davis Memorial Bible School at Johnson City, New York, and Dr. Riley's Bible School in Minneapolis and others. Before that, many individuals had been prayerfully thinking along these lines. Several years ago Rev. Louis Entzminger had in mind such a Bible School for Texas with an eight or nine months' school session each year. At that time and under those circumstances, the plan seemed not wise to this editor. But there has been a growing conviction now for the last few years that such a training place for Christian workers is needed in the Southwest.

Among those whom we know to be interested in such a project are Brother H. C. Ownbey, Bible Baptist Church, Oklahoma City; Evangelist T. M. Webb, Enid Oklahoma; Pastor P. T. Stanford, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Ponca City, Oklahoma; Pastor Webber of the Defender Tabernacle, Oklahoma City; Rev. Louis Entzminger, who is now pastor of a new church in Houston, Texas; Pastor Harlin J. Roper of the Scofield Memorial Church, Dallas; Rev. W. E. Hawkins of the Radio Revival, Dallas; and others too numerous to mention.

Two places have been proposed recently in discussions among brethren as the site for such a Bible Institute, and those two are Oklahoma City and Dallas. Doubtless there are also other cities which some would prefer.

### Why Such A Bible Institute Is Needed

There are many reasons why such a Bible Institute is needed. We will name a few. First, among Fundamental and Independent Baptists in the Southwest, there are hundreds of young men whom God has called to preach who need Bible training and supervision, practical experience to get them prepared and started in the ministry. There are at least ten or a dozen such young men in the Fundamental Baptist Church in Dallas. There are about as many more in Ponca City, Oklahoma, a good number in Bible Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. There are a number of others in independent fundamental churches in Dallas besides the Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle. I suppose there are twenty such young preachers in Fort Worth, many of whom were present at our services last Sunday in the North Side Tabernacle, all in independent fundamental Baptist churches. The hunger of these young men is evident when you consider that at our various Bible Schools in Dallas they have come from as far west as Arizona, as far north as Missouri and Kansas, and as far east as Mississippi and Alabama for one or two weeks of Bible teaching. I have the names of hundreds of such. Nearly all

of them need and want Bible training, and it seems likely that a large number of these would really pay the price for training in self-sacrifice and labor and time were such a Bible Institute offered them in the Southwest with such doctrinal standard, evangelistic power and such human backing and leadership as they could trust.

Besides this group of Fundamental Baptists, there are also a good number of young ministers connected with the work of Bro. W. E. Hawkins and such other independent Christian leaders who need and would like to have Bible Institute training. Then in fundamentally sound churches within the denomination, are many young Christian workers called of God who want training for service.

Most of these young people do not fit in the denominational seminaries. There is a splendid Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth. However, its teaching is postmillennial and strongly denominational. The Bible teaching is nothing like as thorough as that given in the first class Bible Institute. The editor spent two years in this seminary and received blessings there, but we did not learn much about the Bible and nothing at all about dispensational truth. Other denominational seminaries and the Bible departments of other Christian schools in the Southwest are wholly inadequate in training preachers.

Also in the denominational schools and seminaries there is a growing tendency toward modernism. Most of the denominations, including Baptists, have some modernists in high places whom the colleges and seminaries do not want to offend, and such denominationally controlled institutions cannot be depended on for absolute adherence to and defense of

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REV. FORD PORTER

## Ford Porter In Dallas Revival

Rev. Ford Porter, pastor First Baptist Church, Princeton, Indiana, begins a two weeks' revival in the open air at Eighth and Lancaster Sunday night, August 8th, under the auspices of the Fundamental Baptist Church.

Brother Porter will speak in all services Sunday, on Radio WRR, 7:30 A. M., will teach Pastor John R. Rice's Sunday School class and preach at 11:00. Sunday afternoon at 3:00 he will preach at Waxahachie.

Brother Porter is a fine, successful pastor, an earnest soul winner, he is fervent in speech, an attractive preacher who has been greatly blessed of God. He is true to the fundamentals of the faith. He is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and affiliated with the Association of Regular Baptist Churches in the North.

We are happy to have Brother Porter with us. We earnestly urge the public to hear him at Eighth and Lancaster with services at 8 nightly.

## MANY VISITORS ANNIVERSARY DAY

Last Sunday, August 1st, the Fundamental Baptist Church entertained a surprisingly large number of visitors as it celebrated its fifth anniversary. Many came to spend the day and others came for the afternoon, feeling they should remain in their own services in the morning and evening. The largest out of town attendance was from Fort Worth with about fifty people present, we suppose. There were two carloads from Sherman, Texas, others from Jacksboro, Waxahachie, Vickery, Garland, Royce City, Grapevine, Grand Prairie, Mesquite, Wolfe City, Nocona, Amarillo, Austin, Mt. Pleasant, Paris, and Greenville. From Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Mrs. R. F. Blakeney, readers of *The Sword of the Lord*, sister of the Matthew Sisters' Quartette, came to visit her relatives and was in the services, as was Mr. and Mrs. Welsh of Biloxi, Mississippi. Rev. and Mrs. Miles of Maryland who were in Paris, Texas, 115 miles North-east, came with Pastor Forrest Johnson for the afternoon services. We met Brother Miles at Binghamton, New York, last year when we spoke in the John A. Davis Memorial Bible School. He was a member of the junior class, now graduated, which elected the editor to honorary membership.

The basket lunch was abundant and delightful. At the drinking fountain ice had to be supplied four times. The fellowship was fine all the day through. In the afternoon Brethren Herman A. Davis of the Forney Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Lloyd Adams of Northside Baptist Tabernacle, Ft. Worth, W. O. Majors, pastor of Lamar Fundamental Baptist Church at Greenville, and Forrest Johnson of Ramseur Memorial Baptist Church, Paris, all spoke. Rev. Leonard Barnes was ordained to the gospel ministry. With Brother D. Mangum of Bible Baptist Church, moderator of the presbytery, Rev. Richard Ausburn of Park View Baptist Church, clerk, Rev. W. O. Majors of Greenville, led in the questioning. We thank God for this young man, Brother Barnes. He began a tent revival last night.

We thank God for our friends. We want you to come to see us again.

And we forgot to mention the happiest event of the day. Among the additions to the church was one dear old saint of seventy-one years who joined for baptism and was baptized Sunday night. Another young man claimed the Lord Sunday morning and his mother came back to God. Both were received for baptism and were baptized Sunday night.

We thank God for His goodness through these last five years of blessings and we confidently expect even greater things in the future.

## Diseased Bodies And Fire In Hell

(Continued from Last Week)

As I went down to the radio this morning, men were outside the Nite Spot scrubbing with steaming hot water, scrubbing on the sidewalk. I don't know whether it was where drunks went out to vomit but the stink was horrible and they were trying to wash it away outside of that Nite Spot, that night club, that place of sin! What will the odor be like in Hell? I don't know whether you will have booze in Hell, but you will have sin, never a faithful wife, never a praying mother, never a preacher to preach repentance, never somebody to pray for you! Hell is a place where sin has its way and that means sorrow, death; eternal death, a living death, and that means gnawing worms and eternal fire!

It is a horrible thing. I don't know why men go on in sin. Why? Why? Nobody ever did sin except he was deceived or blinded

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## In Appreciation

It is impossible to write to all our friends and readers personal letters to thank them for their words of praise and for the subscriptions to *The Sword of the Lord* that they paid for.

Our Mid-Summer Half-Price subscription offer has been a great success. This is late Wednesday afternoon and the subscriptions from the states farthest away have not reached our office, but judging from what we have already received, this campaign has outdistanced any former campaign. Next to the Lord our friends and readers are due much credit for this success. May God bless each of you and your homes.

The next 52 issues of the paper will be filled with the choicest sermons and articles — and are sure to bring the richest blessings to all who read them.

Join us in prayer for the paper this coming twelve months.

## "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM"

"AND WHEN THEY WERE COME TO THE PLACE, WHICH IS CALLED CALVARY, THERE THEY CRUCIFIED HIM, AND THE MALEFACTORS, ONE ON THE RIGHT HAND, AND THE OTHER ON THE LEFT. THEN SAID JESUS, FATHER, FORGIVE THEM; FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO. AND THEY PARTED HIS RAIMENT, AND CAST LOTS" --- LUKE 23:33, 34

Everything about the crucifixion of Christ is of surpassing interest. God thought so much of it that He inspired Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John to give detailed accounts, each one giving lights that the other did not give. The crucifixion was foretold in every sacrifice in the Old Testament and in countless passages that are veiled to the unspiritual mind, reference was made to the coming sacrifice of our Saviour.

Every word spoken by the Saviour Himself on the cross has burned itself into the consciousness of the world. So when He said, "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do" we find His words precious with blessed meaning.

Let us seek God's message for us in these words of our Saviour just after He was nailed to the cross.

First let us understand that forgiveness accepts sin as a fact. Those who do not sin do not need forgiveness. Jesus praying for forgiveness for men thereby admits to the Father that all are sinners and must have forgiveness or be forever doomed.

Jesus knew what He was about to do. He alone of all the participants in this tremendous scene knew the fullness of its meaning. He was to make an atonement that day for the sins of the whole world, the sins of every man, woman and child who had ever been born or who ever would be born! When He

prayed, "Father, forgive them" Jesus prayed boldly. He knew that if sin were paid for on the cross then God could in righteousness forgive sin. He knew that only on the basis of blood shed by a righteous substitute could God forgive sinners. He could look up to His Father and say, "See, Father, I am paying the price that was arranged before the foundation of the world. I am fulfilling the Scripture. 'Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.' Now you can be righteous and still forgive. You have laid on me all the iniquity of the world. I am dying as the lamb of God to take away the sin of the world. Therefore, Father,

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to the results. The devil—how smart he was when he told Eve and told Adam, "It will make you smart." "Don't be deceived, you will have death," the Lord said, but Adam didn't believe it.

The prodigal son never was saved until "he came to himself," and you men out there, you sinners will never be saved, you are going to Hell, unless you come to yourself. You won't listen, you won't think! If I could get you to face this thing with an unprejudiced, unbiased mind for five minutes, you would be saved or you would go insane! To a sensible man there is proof every day that sin brings trouble and disease and death and heartache. If I could get you for five minutes to really think on this matter of Hell you would be saved or lose your mind. But I can't get you to do it. As the birds of the air pick up the seed, so Satan takes the Word out of your mind so these valuable truths by the wayside do not bring fruit in your life. How blind a sinner is to go on to meet the wrath of God. How unreasonable he is! That is the reason the Lord said, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

If any man will come with a reasonable heart that says, "I want to know the truth about this," I can tell him the truth about it, and any man who will come to me for five minutes saying, "I want really to reason with you and want God to clear my mind"—if you will, you will be saved. A man is a fool that goes away from God.

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That is the word God uses about it continually. The Bible says, "Fools make a mock of sin" and it is the fool that says in his heart there is no God. To the rich man who neglected his soul and put off salvation, God said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" A man is a fool who goes away from God, blinded by sin, by pride, ambition, self-will. A man who is headed for Hell is blind and insane in his wickedness and so won't be saved. Oh, it is a horrible thing to go away from God and be lost. I beg you, don't do it! Turn and be saved. Are you like the prodigal son, who almost starved before he came to himself?

A certain woman was in jail at Fort Worth when I preached there some years ago. Mrs. Pool whom you Fort Worth folks may know, was matron. A woman in the jail was converted and she said, "Thank God I got in jail! Praise the Lord I got in jail! I didn't have any sense and I would not listen to the preacher, but thank God I got in jail!" There she heard the gospel and was saved!

I hope God will bring you to something so alarming you will listen and will come to your senses. In Wichita Falls where I had a revival I was taking a couple home and as I passed along near a turn in the road somebody screamed and I stopped. I said, "Is anybody hurt?" A girl cried out, "Is anybody hurt?" I guess so! We are nearly killed!" The car turned over with four young people; the coupe was turned upside down.

I took the folks home and came back to get this crowd to take them to a doctor. We talked to them that night, two were saved, two wonderfully saved that night at midnight. One girl said, "I haven't had any sense. I have been the biggest fool. I haven't had a serious thought in three months!" Now God brought her to her senses when she was thrown through that window.

You haven't any sense or you would know it is a terrible thing to be lost. It is an awful, wicked,

foolish thing to go to Hell. I wouldn't do it! I hope you will come to your senses. This is no joke. It is a horrible thing.

You Christian people, I don't see why you don't care more about it, weep more about it and do more about it. Hell is a horrible place, a place of gnawing worms and ceaseless fire for people that forget God.

### "I Don't Want To Go To Hell"

I have told you before, but how it rings in my ears! One night back there when I had a booth at the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, I was on the radio, WBAP, at Fort Worth, working hard. I had just gotten ready for bed and the phone rang and the voice of a man who had been in college with me said: "John, is this you? Can you come down here? I need you." I insisted he come out to see me. He said, "I can't. You come down here." I said, "Wait until tomorrow. I am worn out. I have got to have some rest. I can't do it. I will see you in the morning."

He said to me with a plaintive voice, "Don't you care if I go to Hell? I am about to go to Hell. I don't want to go to Hell." I waited a little bit and I said, "I will be there." He cried out, "I don't want to go to Hell," after he had come to his senses. I had to go, and I did. That poor man with venereal disease, half drunk, with a harlot woman coming to meet him, (his wife had quit him) he threatened to kill himself. He had a bottle of whiskey under his pillow. I went down there and took the whiskey from him and let the poor girl in, had prayer with her and sent her away. I prayed with him, wired his mother to send his brother after him. He said he trusted Christ and I believed he did.

Oh, the cry of that man! Many a time it has rung in my ears, "John, I am about to go to Hell! I don't want to go to Hell!" My friend, you may not know it, but some of you are about to go to Hell. He had a terrible disease, couldn't see his little boy, had lost his wife, lost his self-respect, a slave to booze and about to go to Hell! You had better wake up, you are going to Hell if you don't look out!

I wonder if anybody here says, "I don't want to go to Hell. I want to be saved." God bless you, you don't have to go to Hell! What I have said tonight is terrible, horrible. It is so if there is any Bible. There is no Heaven if what I am saying isn't so. What Jesus said about Hell is so, the worms that don't die and the fire that is not quenched is so.

But thank God, I have some good news I can tell you. You don't have to go. God doesn't want you to go. Christ died for sinners like you and like me to keep us out of Hell. You can be forgiven. You can be saved!

The other night a grandfather brought his little grandson with him to church in Ponca City, Oklahoma. His wife got him to listen on the radio. She put the radio in the dining room and turned it on just as I came on and called her husband to dinner just then, timed exactly right. He sat down to eat and had thirty minutes, had thirty minutes to hear me preach. And the next night she did it again, and he listened again. When the service was over he said, "Let's go down there tonight and hear Bro. Rice preach on 'The Unpardonable Sin.'" That night I preached and she prayed. I never had seen her, nor him, he never had seen me, but he sat there that night with his face grave and serious that strong man. I gave the invitation. Immediately he held his hand for prayer. He came forward the first song we sang and shook hands and wouldn't turn loose. His wife wept and wiped her eyes and said, "Brother Rice, I did it with guile, but God was in it. He came then down here." Oh, my friends, he went home happy, he could hardly leave me. He shook hands again and went home happy!

You can, too. Why don't you turn and trust the Lord tonight and be saved. You don't have to go to Hell!

A thirteen year old girl was saved and she said, "Now I won't be afraid to go to sleep any more." Come to your senses! Come to yourself and say, "I don't want to go to Hell. I don't want that place of fire and sulphur and gnawing

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forgive them; for they know not what they do." When Christ prayed for forgiveness for men He acknowledged their sin but reminded the Father that He was paying for their sins. He said in effect, "Father, charge all their sin to my account. I will pay it every bit and then you can forgive them."

### The Forgiveness Offered Here Is For All

The crucifixion of Christ cannot be limited to any particular time or race or occasion. That is one event that is timeless, ageless and universal. Jesus is "The Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8). Everything about the crucifixion indicates that it is for men everywhere. All men are guilty of the death of Christ and the blood poured out there has purchased redemption for all who will believe. The apostles quoted part of the Second Psalm in their prayer and said that in the crucifixion of Christ the rage of all the heathen (or Gentiles) was gathered against Christ and that the kings and rulers of the earth were gathered together to put Him to death. In Acts 4:24-28 these New Testament Christians prayed this inspired prayer:

"And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is.

"Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

"The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

"For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together.

"For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done."

Herod and Pilate, the Jews and Gentiles were gathered together against Christ to put Him to death. Pilate was the Roman governor in Judea and Herod the king of Galilee and these agreed about the crucifixion of Christ. But while the Roman soldiers carried out the brutal torture and murder of Jesus, it was the Jews who planned it first. The Jewish scribes and leaders, the Jewish Sanhedrin had

worms, in the place of torment, and hear the cries of the damned for a million years! I want Jesus and salvation." If you want Him, you can have Him and be saved.

I wish you would be as tender as a thirteen year old girl that trusted Him this afternoon, in Ft. Worth, and how happily she was saved! My friend, I wish you would be as tender as that twelve year old boy saved by the roadside yesterday. Be saved while you can. God called you, Jesus died for you. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Thank God, you can be saved. We can sing it,

"Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow."  
You can be. Jesus loves you. Christ died for you. Redemption is purchased, Heaven is yours if you will take it! Tonight don't trifle with it. Don't flirt with God. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked." Don't mock God about it. You have put it off, and put it off and you are going to Hell one of these days, if you do not repent! Turn to God today, trust in Christ and be saved!

I have done all I know to do, Oh God. Now You take it up and speak. I have planned and prayed and advertised and preached these five times today and driven sixty or seventy miles, Lord, you take it and save somebody. Amen.

condemned Him to die. The Jewish mob cried, "Let Him be crucified." The whole human race seemed to have converged at Calvary to take part in putting to death this Son of God, the man Christ Jesus! So Jesus prayed for all!

The Saviour in the parable of the great supper likens all who reject Christ to murderers (Matt. 22:7). And so is every person in this world, for our sins nailed Christ to the cross. All those who reject Him become guilty and deliberately take part in that murder of the Son of God. For this reason Hebrews 6:6 tells us that those who have been greatly enlightened concerning the Saviour and fall away from that conviction, turning away from God instead of repenting, then "They crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put Him to an open shame." I say when Jesus prayed "Father, forgive them" He must have included all the world since every human being ever born was represented by the soldiers who drove the nails in his hands and feet, by the howling mob, by the scolding, self-righteous Pharisees who sat and taunted Him, by the heartless one who offered Him vinegar and gall when he was thirsty.

Jesus did not have in mind only that generation for just before He was nailed to the cross He told the women who wept after Him,

"Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

"For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck

"Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us, and to the hills, Cover us.

"For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?"

Jesus prayed not only for those present but for their children. What did Jesus mean, "For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" He must have meant, and did mean, that the human race is growing more and more wicked, more and more heartless and sinful in its rebellion against God and in its rejection of Christ. Jesus was praying for people who live in 1937 who are more wicked than those who crucified Jesus that day. If on that day of the world's history men crucified Jesus, how much more they would hate Him if He appeared on the scene today in America. How much more quickly they would murder Him if He preached in American cities in these days when the tree of mankind is dry and ready for the ax of judgment! Jesus had in mind us who live in 1937, sinners around the world in all ages and climes when He said, "Father, forgive them."

How marvelous was the compassion of the Saviour who died for all. We are told, "And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

Again we are told that He is the Saviour of all men, especially of them that believe (I Tim. 4:10).

Again the Bible teaches us that Jesus tasted death for all men (Heb. 2:9). Jesus prayed for me that day as much as if He had called my very name and said, "Father, forgive John R. Rice. He has a part in my crucifixion. He helped to nail these nails. He sits there and scoffs while I die. He is a terrible, Hell deserving sinner even though he knows it not. Father, forgive him!"

Jesus prayed for you, dear reader, whoever you are and wherever you read these lines. Jesus wants you forgiven. His own loving heart is already melted with forgiving love if you will receive it! He prayed for you!

### This Prayer of Jesus Leaves Every Sinner Without Excuse

Christ's dying ought to be enough to prove that God loves you. The fact that God gave His only begotten Son ought to convince every doubter that He means

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it for you. The manifold mercies of God, blessings poured out every day, must certainly prove that God loves you. And here, with the blood first spurring from the torn hands and in the agony of His crucifixion Jesus prayed for you!

However guilty a sinner you are, Jesus prayed for you. He wants you forgiven. He has paid for your sins and asks the Father to forgive you for His own sake. No hardened sinner can say, "I am too wicked. God will not save me." Jesus has made it possible and asked it of the Father. No calloused person with a seared conscience can truthfully say that God has not called Him, that He is not invited. If you are not a Christian, it is your own fault. Jesus prayed for you. Concerning every such hardened, debased, impure, blaspheming, abandoned and despised sinner Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

No person has a right to limit it. No sinner has a right to excuse himself. Jesus wants you forgiven. He prayed for all your sins and then dying, asked the Father not to hold them against you but to forgive. This ought to break the hardest heart, yea, ought to "melt the heart of stone." What answer do you have, sinner, to the dying prayer of Jesus? If you do not let God forgive you, it is your own fault!

### Forgiveness Is Only For Those Who Take It

We have said that the prayer of Jesus is for all the sinners in the world and that is true. The death of Christ on the cross paid the debts of all mankind. I remind you that "He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." Every person who ever went to Hell went there for sins that were already paid for. He wasted and despised the mercy that was offered. He frustrated the grace of God. He trampled under foot the proffered offer of salvation. Satan has no right to a single person either in life or in death for Jesus has paid the purchase price for every one.

But this blessed salvation purchased at such cost and so freely offered is only for those who will have it. We are told that "Christ is the Saviour of all men, especially to them that believe." That is, He is potentially a Saviour for every man but actually only for those who will trust Him, surrender to Him, depend upon Him, receive the salvation which He offers. Jesus prayed, "Father forgive them." But even then many would not receive His salvation. They still jeered and hated and despised and mocked while their wicked hearts rejoiced in sin and they hugged to their bosom their iniquity. God was willing to forgive, but they would not be forgiven. Jesus interceded for them but when God offered love they returned hate. When God offered mercy, they spit in mercy's face. All the boundless grace of God is of no avail to save a sinner who will not be saved. The prayer of Jesus can only be answered for those who are willing to be forgiven.

Let every sinner, then, know that it is "his move." God has done all a loving and infinitely merciful God can rightly do. The Son has been offered "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Yet only as you repent of your sins and trust Him for forgiveness can your sins be carried away. Only as you take what God offers can you be saved. If this moment you are not saved, if you are still unforgiven, then it is because of your wicked rejection of the mercy of God!

It is my earnest prayer that today some reader will receive the forgiveness that Jesus prayed for and which the Father, in answer

to His dear Son's prayer, freely offers. Simply trust Christ. Depend upon Him. Take His forgiveness today!

### May God Give the Loving and Forgiving Spirit of Jesus

Since Christ was and is so willing to forgive, let all us who love Him forgive freely. Beside His suffering none of us have ever suffered. Beside the wicked mistreatment they gave Him, none of us have ever been mistreated. If Jesus can forgive, then you can well afford to forgive all others, and I beg you to do it today. In fact Jesus Himself said, "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father in Heaven forgive you your trespasses."

Let no grudges keep you away from happiness and peace. Ask God to take out of your heart all the wicked malice, bitterness and un forgiveness. We ought to lay aside, forgive and forget all that could ever come between us and any poor, sinning, dying and cursed soul. Jesus loved them and longs to forgive them. He prayed, "Father forgive them" and let us pray the same prayer. Forgiving in our hearts, let us pray the Father to forgive, too. Only with such compassion and love as Jesus a dying Saviour had can we take part with Him in the redemption of sinners.

Are your sins forgiven? If they are, rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. I came home the other day from a fine revival where dozens of people were saved. I thought of the blessings God had given me in calling me to preach, in holding revivals, pastoring a fine church and getting out the gospel to thousands through this paper. Then came to my mind the words of the Saviour, "Rejoice not that devils are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven." How sweet to be forgiven! And if your sins are not under the blood, not all forgiven and forgotten and carried away, then today trust Jesus Christ. Depend upon Him and have sweet forgiveness.

Why not settle the matter today, poor sinner? If you will, fill out this statement or copy it on a paper or write me in your own words that today you trust Christ.

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— C. H. Spurgeon

"Have faith that whatever you ask for in prayer is already granted you, and you will find that it will be" (Mark 11:24).

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the fundamentals of the faith. Most of the teachers in some of the Christian schools and seminaries hold a reverent attitude toward the Bible and fundamental doctrines of the faith. In others the majority of the teachers are unsound. Nearly all such teachers in denominational schools and colleges are postmillennial and know little or nothing of dispensational truth.

Besides, there are great groups of young people called into Christian service who cannot meet the educational standards of the seminaries. The Dallas Theological Seminary, of which Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer is president, is doing a fine work. It is fundamental and premillennial in doctrine and is doing a great work blessed of God. But it cannot take the place of a Bible Institute. It has a four year theological course and appeals primarily to college graduates only. It has an attendance of very high type young men from all over the United States. However, it fills an entirely different sphere than a Bible Institute. A more practical course is needed, centering primarily on the Bible itself and actual practice in Christian activities. Of the hundreds of young people I know clamoring for training for Christian service, only a very few can meet the requirements for the Dallas Theological Seminary course. A Bible Institute would serve an entirely different field.

### The Influence of Bible Institutes

Only eternity will show the enormous influence and good exercised by Moody Bible Institute and the other Bible Institutes over the land patterned after Moody. The great Evangelist D. L. Moody felt the need for training soul winners and Christian workers of a very practical sort. The Spirit led him to found Moody Bible Institute.

Most denominational seminaries in the North have gone over to modernism, but the Bible Institutes have stayed true to Christ. They are practically all undenominational, that is, independent of denominational boards and headquarters, and so standing for the Bible itself instead of a denominational creed or program. Thank God for thousands of pastors, missionaries, evangelists, teachers and soul winners throughout the world who believe in the verbal inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Christ, the blood atonement, literal Heaven, Hell, and the second coming of Christ because they learned these great truths of the Bible in Bible Institutes!

The Bible Institutes have put a stress on the Bible itself as other institutions of learning do not do. Wherever Bible Institutes have had their influence, you find great Bible Conferences where people of all denominations hear the Word of God. In the South, multitudes regard salvation by grace and the security of the believer, etc., as Baptist doctrines, but wherever independent, undenominational Bible Institutes have sprung up, they have taught these cardinal doctrines of God's Word as Bible doctrines, not Baptist doctrines. Soul winning has assumed new importance. The mission cause prospers in churches where the pastors have been trained by Bible Institutes. Many young people leave the Southwest for Moody Bible Institute at Chicago, Denver Bible Institute, Los Angeles Bible Institute and John A. Davis Memorial Bible School in New York. However, all these are far away. More who would go cannot. Those who do, often stay in other regions for their ministry. All the other Bible Institutes do not materially color religious life in the Southwest.

Independent fundamental churches in the Southwest particularly desperately need a Bible Institute. We cannot depend upon preachers trained in the denominational seminaries. Their doctrine is wrong, their viewpoint is wrong. Usually the best products of denominational institutions remain active in the denomination which trained them. Too often just the mis-fits or disgruntled or unsuccessful ministers trained in such schools become independent. If every fundamentalist preacher was a real Bible student and had a strongly developed character, had active experience in

church work, carefully supervised, and was trained in soul winning, Bible study, and pastoral duties, it would immediately put fundamentalists in the South on the same plane they occupy in the North. Fundamental and sound independent churches in the North very often contain some of the most cultured, scholarly, liberal and reputable people. Usually they have good church plants and equipment and are thoroughly respected in their communities. A really high class Bible Institute would turn out preachers fitted to preach, to teach the Bible, to hold a congregation together without quarrels and scandals. Such preachers would know their Bibles, would pay their debts, would be able to get along with other Christians and could oppose modernism and sin without adopting the methods of the scandal monger, the slanderer or the charlatan. Then fundamentalists would not suffer so much as they now do in the Southwest the reputation for carrying guns, having lawsuits, splitting churches, exaggeration and self-praise. Some central rallying ground is needed for fundamentalists in the Southwest where the highest possible standards of Christian living, preaching and teaching shall be maintained for the ministry and Christian workers.

### What Kind of Bible Institute Is Needed?

We are not discussing a school for secular education. We believe that the Great Commission does not include a command that the churches should teach history, English, chemistry, and football. We have in mind a Bible Institute to fulfill the command, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," a place to prepare Christian workers in Bible knowledge, Christian character and work. Jesus taught His twelve disciples through a period of three years or more. In the days of Elijah there were

schools of "sons of the prophets." Paul took with him a number of young preachers who labored under his direction and proved to be great men of God, Timothy, Titus, and others. It is thoroughly Scriptural to teach young preachers the Bible and teach them to "observe the things which Christ commanded." That is not the same as a denominational program, not secular education.

Such a Bible Institute as we have in mind would take a student through the whole Bible chapter by chapter, and would have other courses in great Bible doctrines, on evangelism and soul winning, pastoral problems and work, missions, and very important, it would have a practical work department where students would be assigned work each week in street services, jail services, shop meetings, Sunday School classes, revivals, house to house soul winning, in hospitals, etc. This practical work would be assigned, would be supervised, reported upon by the students and graded. The pupil would get actual experience of the highest type under the leadership of mature Christian workers. Likely there ought to be some teaching of gospel music.

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Such a Bible Institute ought to be, it seems to us, undenominational. The doctrinal position would be true to the Bible. It seems that all Christians who would be willing to join on such a thoroughly Scriptural, doctrinal statement ought to be able to work together in fellowship, supporting such a Bible Institute. If such a Bible Institute were true to the Bible and to the Lord Jesus Christ, personally I would not care about it having a Baptist label. The authority of the Bible and the need for Holy Spirit power must have central place.

Particular safeguards would have to be thrown about such a Bible Institute to keep it from modern heresies such as Anglo-Israel teaching, Bullingerism, Pentecostalism and Anti-Semitism. Such a Bible Institute ought to have a very thorough course exposing the heresies of modern "isms" and preparing young Christian workers to meet them with the Word of God.

### What Would Be Needed to Start?

Probably such a Bible Institute should begin in some church building to save expense if some strong, evangelistic, fundamentally sound church were willing to offer its building until further equipment could be provided. At the first, some of the teachers should be resident pastors living nearby, of the highest scholarship, orthodoxy, and spiritual power who could be prevailed upon to teach part time, being supported by their churches. Perhaps it might be necessary for one or more strong men to be procured to spend all their time in teaching and other work of the school. If so, such a man probably ought to be a graduate of some of the Bible Institutes or should spend some time in investigating the work of the best Bible Institutes. From the very first the very highest standard of teaching, both in scholarship and orthodoxy, should be required. If dormitories

were required at the first, houses could be rented to take care of the demand.

The Bible Institutes generally do not charge any tuition and we believe should not. It might be necessary, however, to charge for special private music lessons and some fees would probably be necessary for library, etc. If dormitories were provided for students, of course it would be necessary to charge enough room and board to pay expenses. Churches and individuals would need to give enough money to pay salaries of teachers where these were not supported by churches they would pastor, or by revivals and other work on the field. Such a Bible Institute would be a great mission enterprise. The expense of beginning it would not be great if a good number of pastors and churches were enlisted and agreed on the essentials, each one to give such support as he felt led of God to do.

A Bible Institute would of necessity have some kind of periodical, a magazine or paper with which to reach the public with the story of its opportunities and its needs and a report of its work. The president of such a Bible Institute would need to be responsible for the teaching of the entire Bible Institute, would be responsible for a careful expenditure of money and probably should spend much time on the field in revivals and Bible Conferences and should often visit the churches. Probably, at least at first, he ought to be pastor of a church so that the work would be tied on to a strong church and thus the president cared for without extra salary if possible. There should be a dean who would spend at least most of his time in the work of the Bible Institute, supervising the internal details of the school. Some teacher or teachers should have charge of practical work to see that gospel services were carried on by the students in every jail, mission, school house, pastorless church, street corner, laundry or C. C. C. Camp possible. Thus thousands of souls would be saved and young Christians would learn the work by doing it.

We invite correspondence and suggestions from all who are interested in a Southwestern Bible Institute. We earnestly urge those who are concerned to pray seriously for the leading and blessing of God. If God wants such a Bible Institute, let us have it in the blessing and on the plan and with the leadership that will please him. If He would not be greatly honored in such a Bible Institute, then the labor and burdens connected with it would be entirely too heavy for anyone to assume. Let us earnestly wait before Him for His leading. Your letters would be appreciated



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